

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	EAS.15
Historic Name:	Rogers, James House
Common Name:	
Address:	1080 State Hwy
City/Town:	Eastham
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	18-029
Year Constructed:	r 1855
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Greek Revival
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Clapboard; Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Stone, Uncut



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Construction

Between 1850
and 1858

See Bibliography*

orm Gable-end, Side-entry with
Greek Revival Detail

ct/Builder

r Material:

here. Indicate North.

Foundation

Fieldstone

Wall/Trim

Shingle side and rear elevations

Clapboard facade,

Roof

Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures Free-
standing Barn, Free-standing Garage,
Small, free-standing Shed

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition

Good

Moved X no ___ yes Date

Acreage

3.3 acres

Setting Located in a densely-settled,
mixed-use, but largely residential section
of Route 6, the major, Cape Cod,
inter-community thoroughfare, the former
county road and a continuation of the
original Old King's Highway.

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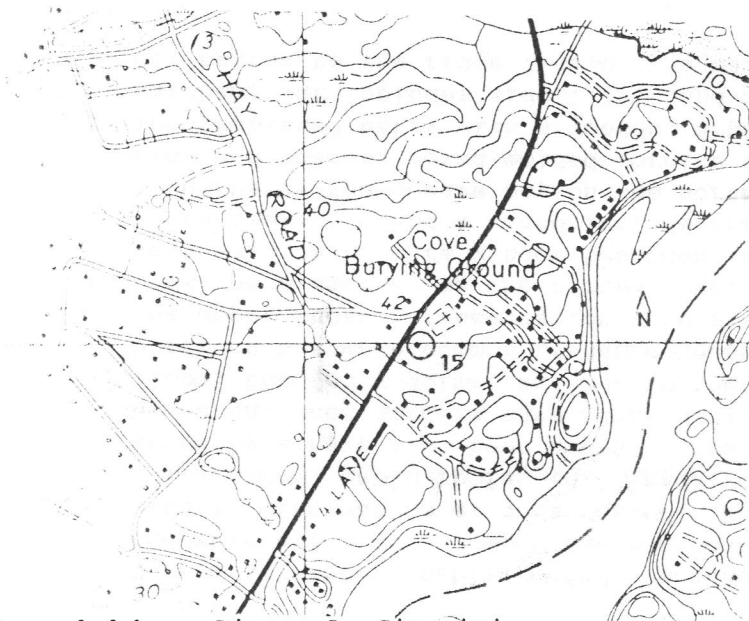
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BUILDING FORM

1080 State Highway

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION X See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This 1 1/2-story, gable-roofed, rectangular, 3 x 2-bay house is exemplary of the main block of a common Eastham house form, but in this case the typical lateral wing was never constructed. Expansions extend to the rear (east): a 1 1/2-story, gable-roofed, ell leads to a narrower, 1-story, addition. One-story bays have also been added to the north and south elevations of the main block and shed dormers have been installed on both slopes. On the north slope, the 4-bay dormer extends to the rear ell. As is typical of the main block on the more common L-shaped house form, the facade boasts 3 windows on the upper story. Fenestration consists of 6/6, double-hung sash with plain trim, here smaller on the second level, and 8/8, double-hung sash on the rear ell. A picture window has been installed in the hip-roofed bay on the south elevation and a victorian, decorative paned, fixed sash window illuminates the square bay on the north elevation. Other detail is limited to wide end boards, boxed molded cornice with a small return and a narrow frieze. The trabeated entry with a wooden, 6-panel door lacks transom as is common to Eastham, but includes side lights and molded trim. The rebuilt chimney sits off center to the ridge line of the main block.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Title research by Eastham Historical Society on file at the archives attributes this property to James (1818-December 8, 1895) and Hannah L. (Knowles) Rogers (1823-1890) who purchased the property (Bk. 55; Pg. 387) from the Estate of Freeman Knowles (1779-1838) in 1850. James and Hannah Rogers paid \$430 for: 12 acres of land (no dwelling mentioned) plus an additional 2-acre parcel, a 1/2-acre peat swamp, 2 acres of beach fields, "undivided with Edmund F. Knowles (a son of Freeman Rogers) and others," as well as about 500 feet of saltworks, the "third string from the cove."

Notes in the file are contradictory, once referring to some grantors as children of James Rogers and in another instance as grandchildren of James and Hannah Rogers, the children of Elliot W. Rogers of South Boston, and Jane Douglas of Honey Creek, Connecticut. In either case, Rogers' heirs, Mary O. MacWilliams (or McWilliams) of South Boston, Jessie A. Rogers, Elsie B. Rogers, James W. Rogers of Newton and Jessie E. Laier of Swampscott, transferred their inherited shares (Bk. 430; Pg. 115) to Charles A. Rogers of Eastham, an unmarried son or grandson of James Rogers. Charles A. Rogers had previously purchased 20 acres for \$5.00 from James Rogers in 1895 and parts of the homestead from Mary O. and Gilbert N. McWilliams and Elliot W. Rogers in 1897 for \$1 in each case. Charles A. Rogers is listed as a carpenter in the 1901 Directory of Eastham. He apparently continued to live here through 1927.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES X See continuation sheet.

 Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;

If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

Outbuildings consist of a small, 1 1/2-story, gable-roofed, free-standing, shingled, English barn with 6/6, double-hung sash in plain trim and sliding door located northeast of the house and freestanding, tiny, gable-roof, shingled shed and a large, modern, gable-roofed garage situated southeast of the dwelling.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Area Form No. 15

